

REMARKS

The present application was filed on September 25, 2003 with claims 1 through 25. Claims 26-28 were added and claims 2, 12, and 22 were cancelled in previous responses. Claims 1, 3-11, 13-21, and 23-28 are presently pending. Claim 11 is proposed to be amended
5 herein.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 11, 13-20, and 27 under 35 U.S.C. §101 as not falling within one of the four statutory categories of invention. The Examiner indicated that claims 1, 3-10, 21, 23, and 26-28 are allowed.

Applicants note that claim 11 has been amended to require *wherein at least one of*
10 *said steps is performed by an electronic device.*

Applicants submit that each of the pending claims are in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. §101, and accordingly, respectfully request that the section 101 rejection be withdrawn.

All of the pending claims following entry of the amendments, i.e., claims 1, 3-11, 13-21, and 23-28, are in condition for allowance and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

15 If any outstanding issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

The Examiner's attention to this matter is appreciated.

20 Respectfully submitted,



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